tonne of Di Ammonium phosphate on the 12th February, 1990, and the last date for receipt of tenders was 20th February, 1990 and for import by 15th April 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons for immediate import of fertilizer?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER *O*^{v} jRICUL-TURE (SHRI DEVI LAI (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The questions jo not arise.

Representations for safe running of goods trains

2236, DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) . whether it is a fact that some of the! goods trains are run without brake vans> guards Or with unqualified staff;

(b) whether All India Guards Council have submitted some representations for the safe running of trains; and

(c) if *F. O,* what action Government propose to take on the suggestions made thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) (a) Freight trains are run with brake vans and guards normally. In some cases when shortage.; arise, trains are permitted to run without guards/brake vans. In such situations, specified precautions are taken as *pur* extent rules to ensure safety.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Existing instructions, to ensure safety are adequate to cover the operational exigencies. Brake vans are regularly being manufactured to ensure that adequate numbers become available in due course.

Reinstatement of Loco staff of railways in the strike of 1981

2237. DR. G. VUAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Ministeir of RAIL WAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the victimised and dismissed staff of 1981 Loco strike have not bden taken back into service;

(b) the number of such employees. (Drivers, Firemen etc.) have been taken back and how many remains to be taken back; and

(c) by when all of those employees are likely to be taken back into service?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) About 611 loco staff were dis-mused/rclmoved from service in connection with the agitintion of the Loco Running staff in 1981 under Rule 14(ii) of the Railway Servants (Discipline and Appeal) Ru'e^ 1968 which corresponds to clause (b) of thei second proviso to Article 311(2) of the Constitution.

Out of th» 6H staff dismissed /removed 226 have been disposal of departmental appeals/revision petitions or as a result of court "orders.

(c) Action respect of ho have not yet been reinstated based on their appeals/revision petitions or court cases would deps'nd upon the finalisation of these cases.

Export of edible oil

2238. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Wil'l the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) wheither Government have decided to export edible oil in the near future; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) the quantity of export and the countrfeis to which it is likely to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The export of edible oil is not permitted under the existing import-export policy of the Gov-